

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims **1-12, 14-28, 30-53, 59-64, and 81-108** are currently pending in the present application. Claims **1, 30, 47, 49, 51-53, 59, 63-64, 81, 85-86, 88-105, and 108** are independent. All claims stand rejected. In particular,

(A) claims **1-4, 6-9, 11-12, 14-25, 28, 30-33, 35-38, 40-44, 46-53, 88-103, and 106-107** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0049631 (hereinafter “Williams”);

(B) claims **59-64, 81-87, 102-105, and 108** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over Williams in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,017,063 (hereinafter “Nilssen”);

(C) claims **5, 10, 34, and 39** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over Williams in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,970,470 (hereinafter “Walker”); and

(D) claims **26-27, and 45** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over Williams in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,723,212 (hereinafter “Mindrum”).

Upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims **1-2, 5, 22, 30, 32, 51-52, 88-91, and 96-99** will be amended solely to clarify *which* price is being charged to the customer, and claim **34** will be cancelled (for having been discovered as being a substantial duplicate of claim **32**). No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

II. Interview Summary

Applicants thank Supervisory Patent Examiner John Hayes for taking the time to speak with Applicants’ representative on January 9, 2007. With reference to the Interview Summary mailed by Supervisory Examiner Hayes on January 19, 2007 as Part of Paper No. 20070109, Applicants note that agreement was reached that Williams **does not teach** various limitations of the pending claims. Accordingly, Supervisory Examiner Hayes has agreed that a Non-Final Action will be mailed, effectively withdrawing the finality of the

Final Office Action mailed on November 2, 2006. Applicants look forward to receiving such non-final communication.

III. Conclusion

At least for the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, *or in better form for appeal*, and the Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Alternatively, if there remain any questions regarding the present application or the cited reference, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Carson C.K. Fincham at telephone number 203-461-7017 or via electronic mail at cfincham@walkerdigital.com, at the Examiner's convenience.

IV. Fees and Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

While no fees are believed to be due at this time, please charge any fees that may be required for this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, while no extension of time to respond is believed to be necessary, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted,

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